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99 Courthouse Hill, Ste A
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Re: Cooperative Agreement for Wildfire Suppression

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your continuing partnership with the Georgia Forestry Commission in wildfire protection as outlined by our Cooperative Agreement. We truly value our relationships with county governments in the delivery of vital services to citizens across the state. The county contribution for these services is calculated by state law to be 10 cents per forest acre of privately owned forestland.

County contributions when combined with state, federal and other funds allow the GFC to provide services required under Georgia State Code Section 12-6-5(a)(5) and 12-6-93. The GFC is charged with the management, conservation, and protection of forest lands, including, but not limited to, the duty of conducting and directing fire prevention work and maintaining equipment, personnel, and installations for the detection, prevention, and combating of fire.

Each county's acreage is determined from the most recent United States Forest Service (USFS) Survey for Georgia. Data now available from the USFS fully completed Forestland Survey shows that your county has:

Survey 95,455 acres @ \$0.10/acre = \$ 9,546 annually

The above amount may be paid annually, quarterly, or monthly in accordance with our Cooperative Agreement. Annual payment is due after July 01, 2019, quarterly on the first day of quarter, or monthly on the first day of month.

If you would like to view the summary of the Forestland Survey Data, please log onto the Georgia Forestry Commission website at <http://www.gatrees.org/forest-management/private-forest-management/forest-inventory/index.cfm>

Thank you again for your continued partnership and support of these vital services. If you have any questions, please call me at (478) 751-3466.

Sincerely,

Michele Gray
Administrative Director

cc: Chief Ranger (02093)
Area Office